

**FILED FROM FRANCE**

**Princess Colonna Came With Her Children to America.**

Princess Colonna and her three children arrived at New York yesterday morning on the steamer New York from Southampton. She was accompanied by her step brother, J. W. Mackay, jr.

The princess hurriedly left France with her children week before last, as already recorded in The Star, and her departure

The fact that she has taken her children out of the country may be a violation of French law, as the children were under the jurisdiction of the court.

The domestic differences of the Prince Colonna and the princess were being adjudicated by the courts of France and the prince had sued for control of the children. To avoid surrendering the children, eventually, the princess was said to have left the country with the children in violation of the French court. Mrs. Mackay, her mother, is still living in London.

When the New York drew into her coils Mr. Mackay, she was told, within a few days, when on the dock with his business partner, Mr. Mackay declined to discuss the matter. Mrs. Mackay's daughter, the gun play, was said to be in the hands of the

from the steamer, followed by her brother her maid, and the three children, who were dressed in naty Italian sailor costumes. She was met by her father, who warmly greeted her, and immediately conducted her to a carriage in waiting at the entrance of the city. As they were about to start, when approached by a reporter, and the family was averse to making their domestic affairs public. He said his sister had been married for some time, and that the different members of the party then got into carriages and drove off.

The princess occupied state rooms 55 and 57 on the lower deck. She made a number of friends among the female saloon passengers and joined in the ordinary conversation. She made no mention of her case in the French courts.

**TOO MANY GUNS**

**Chief Naval Constructor Hiebhorn Proposes to Lighten the Load of the Battle Ships.**

Chief Naval Constructor Hiebhorn has submitted a proposition to the Secretary of the Navy looking toward radical changes in the armament of several of the new vessels. He expresses the belief that the weights at present to be carried by the battleships Massachusetts, Oregon and Indiana are too great for the stability of the ships and has recommended a change in the batteries. For the Oregon he has intended to carry in its main battery four 18-inch guns, eight 8-inch guns, and four 6-inch guns. The combined weight of this battery on each battle ship would be nearly 4,000 tons and would be placed far above the water line. The constructor holds that the efficiency of the ship as a fighter would

guns, while the stability would be improved. He has suggested that four of the eight-inch guns be taken out. At present it is proposed to place the eight-inch guns in each of the four turrets, each turret carrying a corner of the superstructure of the ship. The proposed arrangement would require two more turrets, containing six-inch guns. It is represented that very much the same result could be obtained by placing eight-inch guns as from two eight-inch gun turrets. It is further suggested that the storage capacity of the ship would not sustain the weight of the proposed arrangement. In a protracted fight the proposed decrease in the eight-inch battery would have no serious effect on the ship's stability. The eight-inch guns from each battle ship would lighten it sixty tons.

The department is opposed to the alterations in the batteries suggested by the chief naval constructor and suggests another solution of the difficulty. That is, to place the eight-inch guns in the hulls, where he finds time to consider it.

**FOUGHT LIKE A MANIAC.**

An Exciting Scene During Mass in a Brooklyn Church.

A sensation was created yesterday morning in St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest consecrated church in Brooklyn. It arose from an attack upon the pastor of the church, Rev. William J. Hill, at the steps of the altar by his parishioners, the Patrick V. McDonald. The trouble occurred at the 9 o'clock mass, when the church was crowded with worshippers.

Dr. McDonald has been appointed by Pastor Hill to celebrate the mass at 10 o'clock, and to the high mass at 11. During the celebration of the former the worshippers were amazed to see Dr. McDonald approach Father Hill.

celebration, and strike him a violent blow, feeling the pastor to the floor.

After the service, Dr. McDonald, Dr. McDonald came to the chancel rail, and, tittering wildly, exclaimed that there had been a mistake. He then turned to the Bishop and said: "Father Hill and I have been taken to drive to the Bishop's residence." He then turned and again assaulted the pastor.

"Variations" finally rushed forward and held him until the arrival of officers. He was subsequently taken to St. Petersburg for treatment, in charge of an officer.

It is said that he had been notified previously that he would be arrested, but he would not be made a regular priest of his diocese, and this fact weighed upon him. He has many friends, who believe that he will be insane.

**MOST USEFUL TREE TO MAN.**

**Cocconut Furnishes Food, Shelter and Employment to Thousands of People.**

The cocconut grows only near the shore, where its roots penetrating the sandy soil may drink freely from clear underground springs. Of all trees it is regarded by Garden and Forest as the most useful to

man, fish-drying food, shelter and employment have been the chief necessities of life. The bulk of the household part is a remedy against fever; from the turmeric, the bark of the medicinal tree from which baskets, hats, mats and innumerable other articles are made, is used for sunburn and is woven into clothing from the young forest stalks a palm which is called a very fibrous drink, a palm wine. The value of the fruit is well known. From the coriander, bedding, mats, brushes and other articles are made.

of the world. It is native to the Pacific Islands, and is cultivated in the tropics and subtropics. The coconut is a tree that grows to a height of 30 meters. The fruit is a large, round, brown, fibrous shell. The seed is a large, round, white, fleshy nut. The coconut is a very important food source for many people in the tropics. It is used for oil, for food, and for many other purposes. The coconut is also a very important part of the culture of many people in the tropics. It is often used in traditional ceremonies and festivals. The coconut is a very versatile and valuable plant.

Plantations usually consist of twenty-five trees per acre, and are carefully irrigated with rich surface soil. Once established, a plantation of coconuts requires very little attention, and is usually very productive. Many in its early years to insure a rapid and vigorous growth. In good soil the trees will begin to flower at the end of five or six years, and may be expected to be in full bearing from eight to twelve years. Thirty nuts from a single tree are not unusual in a good field, although individual trees have been known to produce an average of 300 nuts during a period of ten years. An acre of trees, although probably the way of the additional crop obtained in this way is not enough to make a plantation self-sufficient. In recent years the coconut has been cultivated on a very large scale in the Philippines, and in other tropical parts of Central America, as well as on the northern coast of South America and the West Indies. The average yield of a tree ranges from \$10 to \$25 per \$1,000, according to quality.

Col. Gregorieff, convicted at Kisheneve, capital of Bessarabia, of being an Austrian spy, has been sentenced to death.

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